



Comfort items donated for cancer patients

As a nurse in the [Intensive Care Unit \(ICU\)](#), Bryanna King witnesses some of the hardest times in patients' lives. When she saw tote bags being donated to patients undergoing chemotherapy at Juravinski Hospital and Cancer Centre (JHCC), she knew she wanted to get involved.

I see these patients on a regular basis, so it really hit close to home for me, reflects Bryanna.

Bryanna connected with Caren Funnell who has been donating tote bags to the Hamilton Health Sciences Foundation since 2015. She uses the commission she earns through her job at Thirty-One Gifts, to purchase the totes and fill them with

They are then distributed to patients based on need.

Starting treatment is one of the hardest journeys in our patients' lives, and sometimes they are admitted so quickly that they don't even have time to go home and pack a bag. Being able to provide patients with a tote not only gives them some comfort items, but it also tells them that someone is thinking about them and supporting them through this challenging time, says Bryanna. It would be amazing if we could get enough people to sponsor the totes so that we could give one to every patient at JHCC.

If you would like to learn how to get involved, please contact Caren at organizingenvy@gmail.com